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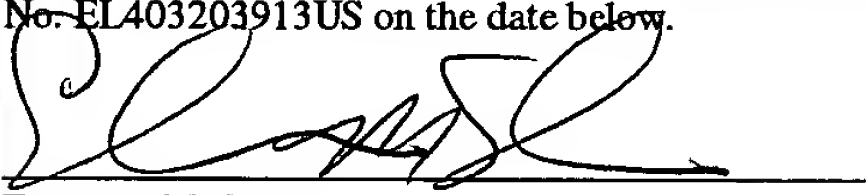
Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing are the specification and claims of the utility patent application of:

Inventor(s): Gether Irick, Jr., and Ronald Richard Light

Title of Invention: "Methods for Slowing the Degradation Rate of Biodegradable Polymers and Biodegradable Polymer Compositions and Compositions Thereof"

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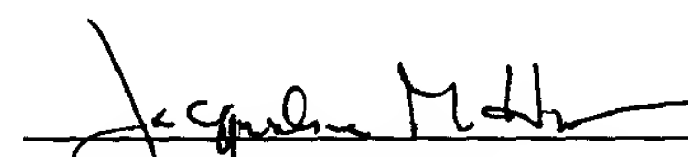
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